## Cloverbuds

Next meeting date will be February 12 at the Midway building at the Fairgrounds at 6:00. The activity at Home Depot will not be this month. Please come to the Midway building, as regularly scheduled. Thanks!

## Horse

Welcome back! We, as Horse Committee members, are looking forward to an awesome 4-H year. Please welcome the new members to the Horse Committee Leasa Stratton and Natalie Jennings. Your new officers for this 4-H year are as follows: President – Gretchen Furlong, Vice President – Shannon Brooks, Secretary – Kathy Pratt, and Treasurer – Leasa Stratton.

The Horse Committee would like to invite you to a "Meet and Greet" session on Saturday, February 7th from 10:30am – 12:00pm at the Copper Springs Ranch. Tyrell Buckland will be performing demonstrations. Some of the local veterinarians will also be there. Please come out and meet your Horse Committee.

The Horse Committee recognizes there are many excellent resources and events in Gallatin County. We also realize, with the current state of our economy, we all need to make wise choices in how we spend our time and money. Therefore, the Horse Committee has made a change to the clinic requirements for horse projects. Please note the following announcement.

## Clinic Requirement Change

Each horse project member will continue to be required to attend a minimum of three clinics per horse project. Two of those clinics must be at clinics provided by the Horse Committee. The third clinic can be at a Horse Committee **approved** outside clinic or event. To receive credit for an outside clinic or event the 4-H member must have an Outside Clinic Form completed and signed by the clinician, show judge or event coordinator. All signed and completed forms must be turned into the 4-H Extension Office by the end of the month in which the clinic occurred. You can get a copy of the form from the extension office or on the website: www.gallatinextension.com, click on 4-H, projects, horse.

Horseless Horse Members - you are encouraged to attend any of this months clinics. There will be a scheduled meeting in March. If you have questions, you can find Kathy at the Wild West WinterFest or call Mike or Kathy at 388-6045.

Here are the approved outside clinics for the month of February:

Sunday, February 1 – Ranch Sorting @ Circle L Arena (Ranch Horse)

**Sunday, February 15** - Ranch Sorting @ Circle L Arena (Ranch Horse)

Saturday, February 21 – Open Horse Show @ Circle L Arena (Horsemanship)

Saturday, February 21 – Winter Series @ Kountz Arena (Goat and Flag events only for Timed Events)

Please remember to bring a copy of the Outside Clinic Form should you choose to attend any of these events. If you know of any upcoming events that you would like approved, please contact a committee member so the committee can vote on the event at the next committee meeting.

## **Upcoming Horse Committee Clinics**

Saturday, Feb. 14 – WinterFest Horse Sale @ Gallatin County Fairgrounds (Horseless Horse, come & observe)

Sunday, March 1 – Assessment Clinic @ Gallatin County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

Ranch Horse - Make sure you are signed up for this project if interested. Start practicing your roping.

Clinics will start in March, watch your newsletter. Call Scott at 581-7681 if you have any questions.

Please remember it is the efforts of all those who volunteer that will determine the success of the horse projects in Gallatin County. Let's have a great year!